

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-40. (Canceled)

41. (Current Amended): A method of fabricating a thin film transistor, comprising:

forming a gate insulating layer on an active layer;

forming a gate electrode on the gate insulating layer;

forming an excited region in an exposed portion of the active layer by implanting hydrogen ions to the active layer by using the gate as a mask, wherein said hydrogen ions are implanted with implantation energy between about 50 and about 150 KeV; and

forming an impurity region by implanting impurity ions to said excited region in a heavy dosage while the excited region remains in an excited state at a temperature between about 200 and about 300 degrees Celsius ~~and has a temperature high enough to self-activate the impurity ions~~, whereby the implanted impurity ions become self-activated.

42. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the gate insulating layer is formed by depositing silicon dioxide or silicon nitride on a glass substrate.

43. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the active layer is formed by depositing undoped polycrystalline silicon.

44. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 43, wherein the undoped polycrystalline silicon has a thickness of between about 400 and 800 Å.

45. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 43, wherein the active layer is formed using chemical vapor deposition process.

46. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the active layer is formed by depositing amorphous silicon and crystallizing the amorphous silicon by laser annealing.

47. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the exposed portion of the active layer is formed by the steps of depositing an another layer of silicon dioxide on the gate

insulating layer to cover the active layer; depositing a conductive material on the another layer of silicon dioxide; and patterning the conductive material and the another layer of silicon dioxide to form an insulating layer and to form the gate over a selected portion of the active layer.

48. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 47, wherein the gate insulating layer and the gate comprise a thickness of about 500-1500 Å and, about 1500-2500 Å, respectively.

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein said hydrogen ions are implanted with a dose of between about 5×10^{14} - 5×10^{16} ions/cm².

51-52. (Cancelled)

53. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein said hydrogen ions are implanted in the active layer and simultaneously form the impurity region.

54. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 41, wherein the hydrogen ion implantation time is proportionately related to the size of the active layer.

55. (Currently Amended): A thin film transistor prepared by a process comprising:

- forming a gate insulating layer on an active layer;
- forming a gate electrode on the gate insulating layer;
- forming an excited region in an exposed portion of the active layer by implanting hydrogen ions to the active layer by using the gate as a mask, wherein said hydrogen ions are implanted with implantation energy between about 50 and about 150 KeV; and
- forming an impurity region by implanting impurity ions to said excited region while the excited region remains in an excited state at a temperature between about 200 and about 300 degrees Celsius ~~and has a temperature high enough to self-activate the impurity ions~~, wherein the activation of said impurity ions implanted occurs as the step of said implanting impurity ions is performed.

56. (Previously Presented): The thin film transistor of claim 55, wherein the gate insulating layer is formed by depositing silicon dioxide or silicon nitride on a glass substrate, and the active layer is formed by depositing undoped polycrystalline silicon.